Comparative Charters Matrix (including draft Clark County, proposed Kitsap County, and City of Vancouver charters)

CON	IMISSIONERS/DISTRICTS:	Clark (draft)	Clallam	King	Pierce	Snohomish	Whatcom	Kitsap (proposed)	City of Vancouver
Ī	Legislative body	Commissioners	Commissioners	Council	Council	Council	Council	Council	City Council
-	Number commissioners/districts	5	3	13	7	5	7	5	7
Ī	Partisan or non-partisan	Partisan	Partisan	Partisan	Partisan	Partisan	Partisan	Partisan	Non-Partisan
	Elected by District, At-Large, or Combo	By District	By District	By District	By District	By District	Combo (6:1)	By District	At-Large
	Subpoena powers	Silent	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
INIT	ATIVE								
(Charter provides for initiative	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ī	No. voters who can register initiative	1 or more	Silent	1 or more	1 or more	1 or more	1 or more	1 or more	5
	imited to one subject	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ī	imitations:								
	» compensation/working cond. of emps.	Not allowed	Not allowed	Not allowed	Silent	Not allowed	Silent	Silent	Silent
	» appropriating money	Not allowed	Not allowed	Silent	Silent	Not allowed	Silent	Silent	Not allowed
	» levying or repealing taxes	Not allowed	Not allowed	Silent	Silent	Not allowed	Silent	Silent	Not allowed
	» adopting annual budget/capital program	Not allowed	Not allowed	Silent	Silent	Not allowed	Silent	Silent	Silent
	» redistricting of Commissioner Districts	Not allowed	Not allowed	Silent	Silent	Not allowed	Silent	Silent	Silent
	» New/addl. exp. req. rev. to pay costs	Yes	Yes	Silent	Yes	Silent	Yes	No	Silent
-	Threshold signature level	8%	10%	10%	10%	7%	15%	8%	15%
	» of last election	Even General	Gubernatorial	County Exec.	County Exec.	Gubernatorial	General	Gubernatorial	Municipal Genl. Election
I	No. days to collect signatures	180 days	90 days	90 days	120 days	90 days	120 days	180 days	Silent
l	Jnincorporated areas init. allowed.	Yes	Silent	Yes	Silent	Silent	Silent	Silent	(not applicable)
REFERENDUM									
(Charter provides for referendum	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
I	No. voters to register referendum	100 or more	Silent	1 or more	1 or more	100 or more	1 or more	250 or more	5
I	No. days to file referendum	45 days	10 days	Before eff. date	15 days	10 days	45 days	10 days	30 days
(Qualified ref. suspends ord. (or portion)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<u> </u>	Limitations:								_
	» peace, health, safety, or suppt. of govt.	Silent	Silent	Not allowed	Not allowed	Not allowed	Not allowed	Not allowed	Not allowed
	» collective bargaining	Not allowed	Silent	Not allowed	Silent	Silent	Silent	Silent	Silent
	» local improvement assessment rolls/bonds	Silent	Silent	Silent	Silent	Silent	Silent	Silent	Not allowed
	» Approval of collective bargaining agmt.	Not allowed	Silent	Not allowed	Silent	Not allowed	Silent	Silent	Silent
	» compensation/working cond. of emps.	Not allowed	Silent	Not allowed	Silent	Not allowed	Silent	Silent	Silent
	Threshold signature level	5%	10%	8%	8%	5%	15%	4%	10%
	» of which election	Even General	Gubernatorial	County Exec.	County Exec.	Gubernatorial	General	Gubernatorial	Municipal Genl. Election
_	No. days to collect signatures	60 days	105 days	45 days	120 days	60 days	120 days	90 days	30 days
INSTITUTIONAL INITIATIVE		Not specified	Not specified	Allowed	Not specified	Not specified	Not specified	Not specified	(not applicable)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE/(or MAYORAL VETO)		No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
CITIZEN COMPLAINT/REVIEW OFFICE		Not specified	Not specified	Yes	Not specified	Not specified	Not specified	Not specified	Not specified
CHA	RTER REVIEW/AMENDMENT/REVISION								
-	Comm. meets at least every years	10 (after 2nd year)	5	10	10	10	10	10	5
-	Consists of at least commissioners	15	15	15	21	15	15	15	15
-	Commissioners appointed or elected?	Elected	Elected	Appointed	Elected	Elected	Elected	Elected	Appointed
(Charter amendments may be proposed by:					1		1	
Ļ	» Charter review commission	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
L	» The public	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
L	» County commissioners/council	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Щ	f public initiative, signature threshold	8%	20%		20%	20%	20%	10%	Default to State law
L	» of which election	General	Gubernatorial		County Exec.	Gubernatorial	Gubernatorial	Gubernatorial	Default to State law
L	» No. days to collect signatures	180 days	120 days		180 days	120 days	120 days	120 days	Default to State law
-	Council/Comm. majority required to amend	Simple	Simple	Simple	2/3 majority	4/5 majority	5/7 majority	2/3 majority	Default to State law
1	Amendments voted at which election	General	General	General	General	General	General	General	Municipal Election